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Indiana Senate

MAJOR MOVES MEANS MAJOR MONEY

Southeast Indiana to benefit from lease of Toll Road

On June 28, Indiana closed a lease with Statewide Mobility Partners, which will operate the Indiana Toll Road in exchange for **\$3.8 billion**. That money has been deposited and is currently earning interest at a rate of about **\$500,000 every day**. For an up-to-the-second look at how much interest has been accrued, visit www.in.gov/tos/MajorMoves.htm

All of this money will go toward improving infrastructure in the state of Indiana, and District 43 will see millions of dollars in road improvements in the coming years. In addition to the local projects planned by the Indiana Department of Transportation, the legislature also approved \$150 million in payments to local governments to be used as they see fit.

Here is a breakdown of what the counties in District 43 will receive over just two years:



- **Dearborn County — \$1,046,400**
- **Ohio — \$261,600**
- **Ripley — \$1,122,300**
- **Union — \$406,200**
- **Franklin — \$875,100**
- **Jennings — \$975,200**

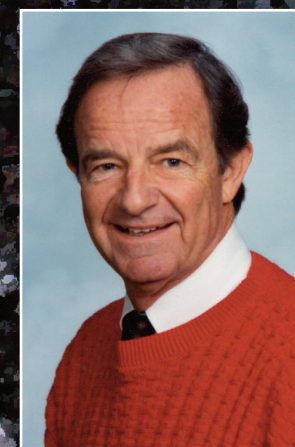
As you can see, Major Moves will generate a significant amount of money for our area that will improve the quality of life.

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Serving District 43 in Dearborn, Ohio,
Ripley, Union, Franklin & Jennings Counties



Sen. Nugent (left) with Sen. Bob Jackman (R-Milroy), Gov. Mitch Daniels, and Rep. Cleo Duncan at a news conference in Greensburg announcing Honda's plan to locate there. This factory will bring 2,000 quality jobs to southeastern Indiana, and up to 2,000 more in the future. There were many people involved who deserve credit for their efforts in securing this victory for Indiana. Some of the important contributors to this success are the Mayor and City Council of Lawrenceburg, who realized the importance of this project and dedicated \$10 million towards incentives for Honda to choose Greensburg. They deserve our genuine thanks.

Did You Know?

... that on June 30, 2006, the state officially overcame a \$600 million deficit and closed its books for the fiscal year with a balanced budget for the first time in a decade?

... that the Indiana Senate spent prudently this past year, resulting in a return of \$903,572.84 to the state's General Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2006. This is more than four times the amount reverted in FY 2005.

... that Indiana became the first state in the nation to provide lifetime handgun licenses. No doubt this legislation will serve as a model for other states who wish to protect their law-abiding gun owners.

Job Creation Efforts Successful

— More jobs for Hoosiers are on the way —

Although the last two legislative sessions have been filled with substantial changes to the way Indiana does business, a priority in the Senate has been job creation. Although government actions cannot create jobs overnight, Indiana is beginning to see results just one year after the major economic development laws of 2005 were implemented.

In 2005, the General Assembly sped up and streamlined the creation of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), created tax breaks for research and development, passed a shovel-ready site development plan and expanded existing tax credits. The result: 85,000 more Hoosiers are working than in January 2005 and unemployment is at a low 4.9 percent.

More jobs are on the way. Recent job announcements have included over 2800 quality jobs in cities all across the state. In addition, we received a fantastic announcement recently of 2,000 jobs right here in southeastern Indiana at Honda.

- **Honda announcing a \$550 million plant that will employ 2,000 people in Greensburg (the plant will have capacity for 4,000 employees)**
- **American Commercial Lines agreeing to create 1,100 jobs in southern Indiana**

Many other announcements have occurred in the past 18 months, many more are expected in the future, and I am committed to continuing to create a job-friendly environment here in Indiana.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

2005 Budget Brightens Indiana's Fiscal Future

In state government, June 30 is the day Indiana closes the books on the fiscal year and checks the balance in its bank account. For years, the state of Indiana has had little to look forward to on June 30, but this year was different.



Thanks to a budget passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005, **Indiana was in the black for the first time in more than a decade on July 1**, the first day of the new fiscal year.

Defending the Right to Bear Arms

New laws protect rights; Indiana first state in nation to offer lifetime license

"The people shall have a right to bear arms, for the defense of themselves and the State."

Article 1, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution grants us the freedom to own firearms and store them in our homes. I have always been a firm supporter of our 2nd Amendment rights and would like to tell you about two new laws that protect law-abiding gun owners.

I sponsored legislation this year to simplify the handgun licensing process. Previously, everyone with a handgun license was required to have their permit updated and be fingerprinted every four years — even people who have had such a license all of their adult life. There aren't too many unchanging things in our lives, but one of those is our fingerprints. The state finally acknowledged that licensed gun owners are law abiding citizens who should not be forced through this arbitrary and cumbersome process every four years. **This law creates the first lifetime handgun license in the United States.**

The Indiana State Police issues about 80,000 gun permits per year; this measure will reduce that number and make the process much more efficient. Safety is still a top priority and law enforcement officers will continue to revoke licenses as necessary.

These small, sensible changes are a great improvement of the current system and make the licensing procedure much more efficient.

In addition, I sponsored legislation that added to statute something that is already widely accepted as case law. The "Castle Doctrine" or "Stand Your Ground" law protects those who are protecting themselves.



Sen. Nugent answers reporters' questions at a news conference at the Indiana State Police headquarters in Indianapolis. He is joined by State Police Superintendent Dr. Paul E. Whitesell. As sponsor of the bill, Nugent received the first lifetime handgun license issued in Indiana, which also makes it the first lifetime license in the nation.

Nugent serves as Chairman on the Senate Agriculture and Small Business Committee, as Ranking Majority Member of the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee and as a member of the Transportation and Interstate Cooperation Committee.

It establishes the presumption that a criminal who forcibly enters or intrudes into your home or occupied vehicle is there to cause death or great bodily harm; therefore a person may use any manner of force, including deadly force, against that person.

It removes the "duty to retreat" if you are attacked in any place you have a right to be. You no longer have to turn your back on a criminal and try to run when attacked. Instead,

you may stand your ground and fight back, meeting force with force, including deadly force, if you reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to yourself or others.

We felt it necessary to add these statutes to make the law in such situations perfectly clear—Hoosiers have the right to defend themselves and their families. In short, it gives rights back to law-abiding people.

I am pleased we were able to accomplish these things in defense of our Constitution and for law-abiding Hoosier gun owners.

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